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Applicant: Leonard Pinchuk et al.
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TC/A.U.: 3738
Examiner:

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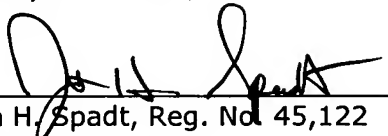
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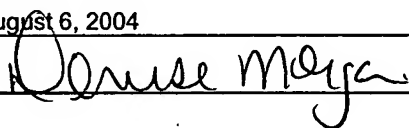
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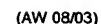
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